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## CROP PRODUCTION – OCTOBER 2016

### WYOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Based on October 1 conditions, **alfalfa hay** production in Wyoming is forecast to total 1.40 million tons this year, up from 1.33 million tons produced in 2015, according to the October 1 Agricultural Yield Survey conducted by the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Wyoming farmers and ranchers expect to harvest 560,000 acres of alfalfa hay this year, up 30,000 acres from 2015. Alfalfa hay yield is expected to average 2.50 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 2.50 tons per acre and the August forecast of 2.50 tons per acre. Producers expect to harvest 560,000 acres of **other hay** in 2016, up 10,000 acres from last year. Other hay production is estimated at 952,000 tons, down 4 percent from 990,000 tons a year ago. Other hay yield is expected to average 1.70 tons per acre, compared to last year's yield of 1.80 tons per acre and the August forecast of 1.70 tons per acre.

**Sugarbeet** production in Wyoming is forecast at 897,000 tons, down 4 percent from the 939,000 tons produced in 2015. Growers expect to harvest 30,000 acres this year compared with 31,200 a year ago. Yields are expected to average 29.9 tons per acre, unchanged from the September 1 forecast but down from last year's yield of 30.1 tons per acre. As of October 2, Wyoming's sugarbeet crop condition was rated 14 percent fair and 86 percent good. Harvest of sugarbeets was estimated at 19 percent complete, compared to 19 percent last year and the 5-year average of 21 percent.

**Dry bean** production for 2016 is forecast at 540,000 hundredweight, down 24 percent from the 713,000 hundredweight produced a year earlier. Yields are expected to average 1,800 pounds per acre, down 400 pounds per acre from the August 1 forecast and down from 2,300 pounds per acre last year. Growers expect to harvest 30,000 acres this year, down 1,000 acres from the 31,000 acres harvested last year. As of October 2, Wyoming's dry bean crop condition was rated 5 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 84 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Dry bean harvest was estimated to be 68 percent complete, compared to 73 percent last year and the 5-year average of 58 percent.

### UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Production of **alfalfa and alfalfa mixture dry hay** for 2016 is forecast at 62.8 million tons, up 7 percent from 2015. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 3.48 tons per acre, up 0.16 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 18.1 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but up 2 percent from 2015.

Production of **other hay** is forecast at 78.8 million tons, up 4 percent from 2015. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 2.07 tons per acre, up 0.01 ton from last year. If realized, the 2016 average yield will be a record high for the United States and production will be the third highest on record behind only 2004 and 2003. Harvested area is forecast at 38.1 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast but up 4 percent from 2015.

**Sugarbeet** production for the 2016 crop year is forecast at 36.3 million tons, up 1 percent from the previous forecast and up 3 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.14 million acres, down slightly from the previous forecast and last year. Expected yield is forecast at 31.9 tons per acre, an increase of 0.6 ton from the previous forecast and an increase of 1.0 ton from last year.

**Dry edible bean** production is forecast at 27.8 million cwt for 2016, down 8 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.66 million acres, down 6 percent from 2015. Harvested area is forecast at 1.57 million acres, 8 percent below the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,772 pounds per acre, an increase of 12 pounds from 2015.

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